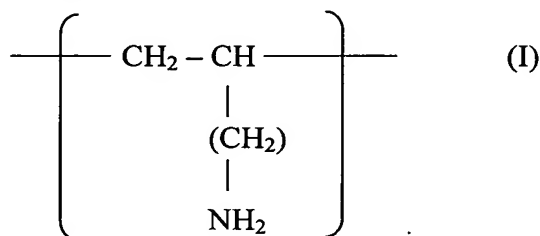


(2) Amended Claims

1. (previously presented) A liquid preparation for contact lenses containing 0.3 to 50 ppm of a polyamine having recurring units of the formula (I):

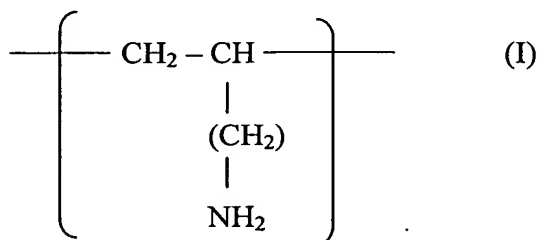


2. (currently amended) The liquid preparation of Claim 1, which further contains at least one member selected from the group consisting of an antiseptic agent, a chelating agent, a buffer, an isotonizing agent, a thickener, a surface active agent and an antibacterial assistant.

3. (previously presented) The liquid preparation of Claim 1, which is used as a shipping solution, a preserving solution, a cleaning solution or a disinfecting solution, or for at least two purposes selected from preservation, cleaning and disinfection.

4. (currently amended) The liquid preparation of Claim 1, which further contains a surface active agent selected from the group consisting of a non-ionic surface active agent, a cationic surface active agent and an ampholytic surface active agent.

5. (new) A process for protecting contact lenses from bacterial growth, comprising:
contacting a contact lens with a liquid preparation containing 0.3 to 50 ppm
of a polyamine having recurring units of the formula (I):



6. (new) A process according to Claim 5, wherein the liquid further contains at least one member selected from the group consisting of an antiseptic agent, a chelating agent, a buffer, an isotonizing agent, a thickener, a surface active agent and an antibacterial assistant.

7. (new) A process according to Claim 5, wherein the lens is maintained in the liquid for use as a shipping solution, a preserving solution, a cleaning solution or a disinfecting solution, or for at least two purposes selected from preservation, cleaning and disinfection.

8. (new) A process according to Claim 7, wherein the liquid further contains a surface active agent selected from the group consisting of a non-ionic surface active agent, a cationic surface active agent and an ampholytic surface active agent.